



Minutes from November 10, 2020 Regular Board Meeting  
By Zoom

**Call to Order**

The November meeting of the Libertarian Party of Oregon (LPO) board of directors was held on Tuesday, November 10, 2020, at 8:00 pm by Zoom, the Chairman being in the chair.

Attendance was as follows:

**Present Remotely**

Timothy Perkins  
Carolyn Wade  
Kyle Markley  
Ted Yanez  
Gary Dye  
Tim Sippel  
Katy Brumbelow  
Kenny Sernach  
Don Crawford

**Absent**

Wes Wagner  
Erich Garcia

**Observers**

Will Hobson  
William Johnson  
Jon Lawrence  
Ibrahim Taher  
R. Leon Noble

**Approval of Agenda**

Without objection the agenda was approved after some minor changes.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes as amended for October 13, 2020 were approved on Don's motion and Kyle's second.

**Consent Agenda**

None

**Open Forum**

Will introduced Ibrahim Taher, Green Party candidate for Senate, hoping to bring an anti-war coalition together. Ibrahim was also nominated by another third party. Will

has been thinking that one way to strengthen us as a third party might be by forging coalitions on issues, hoping that coalitions will draw from multiple third parties.

Timothy Perkins thanked Ibrahim for attendance and expressed support for an anti-war coalition. Such a coalition must be built around candidates, though; because the Board can't be taking a position.

Gary asked if Ibrahim got much support for his campaign and how much support from party members.

Kyle expressed his support for *targeted* coalitions.

## **Reports of Officers**

### A. Chair's Report (Timothy Perkins)

There is no new activity in PAC 16869's lawsuit.

Kyle wonders if we should proactively approach the new Secretary of State with an explanation of why she should not pay attention to PAC 16869.

Katy nominated Wes (with Gary's second) to write that letter. It was reported that Elections Director Stephen Trout was fired, which is sad news, because he was the main source of institutional memory in that office.

Kyle reported that Trout was fired because he sent an e-mail to the Republican and Democrat candidates for Secretary of State criticizing the elections systems (he neglected to send it to Kyle, though, and now it's too late to ask for a copy).

Taxation is still theft. (Jeffrey Epstein did not kill himself.)

### B. Vice Chair (Don Crawford)

No report.

### C. Treasurer (Kenny Sernach)

Kenny is busy filing reports with the Secretary of State and getting caught up. Monthly donations are about \$100, the balance is getting close to \$3,000 in the bank.

### D. Secretary (Carolyn Wade)

Carolyn apologized for the lateness of the October minutes. Timothy noted that Carolyn had asked for help.

## Reports of Boards and Committees

### A. Campaigns Committee (Ted):

Ted said that some fusion candidates were successful. Senate District 10 had a chance to be a spoiler. House District 48 got 20.82%. Senate Districts 2 and 9 got their first Libertarian candidates in 30 years!

We gained 1,300 registered Libertarians.

There is a suggestion that we create a permanent committee on campaigns. Ted notes that this makes sense, since the Federal Election Commission considers the 2022 election cycle started November 4, 2020.

Recently, we had an election and we had a lot of candidates on the ballot. Though none of our registered Libertarian candidates won, we had a handful of fusion candidates win, which were Jack Zika, Mark Owens, and Boomer Wright. Perhaps our most prominent race from here will be Senate District 10, where Taylor Rickey had enough votes to be viewed as a spoiler. So far, the candidate with the largest percentage was Edward Marihart in House District 48, taking 20.82 percent of the vote where a Republican candidate was absent. I would like to thank every candidate for their hard work and efforts and I have reached out to all of our registered Libertarian candidates regarding their plans for the next cycle and/or interest in volunteering with the Libertarian Party of Oregon. Already, we have a declared candidate for Governor in the 2022 Gubernatorial Election and someone has reached out to us regarding 2026 Gubernatorial Election.

Though we didn't see the results we expected for Dr. Jo Jorgensen, she brought a lot of interest to the Libertarian Party of Oregon from disenfranchised voters. Perhaps they came from the two major parties. As of October 7, 2020, the Secretary of State reported that Libertarian registration in Oregon was 21,161 for September. This was an increase from 19,894 in August. After doing some research, this trend appears to be normal during presidential elections. We can keep the momentum going in voter registration by utilizing energized voters that are stepping up and volunteering to get involved with our efforts.

### Suggestions for 2022 and Moving Forward:

- Either form a permanent election committee or charge an existing committee with directors and volunteers with planning and strategy -- they are to maintain plans and efforts surrounding strategy, media coverage, attempts to get candidates in debates, etc.

- Campaigns and Public Relations directors should be involved.
- Reach out to all nonpartisan candidates and try to get them featured on our website each cycle.
  - This includes having a future election page ready to go as soon as the previous election results are announced (or the day after). I.e., 2022 Primary should be up and ready to go soon. The rationale behind this is that the FEC considers 2022 to have started on November 4, 2020. Starting as early as possible will give us an edge by keeping up the momentum our frustrated voters and candidates are currently building.
  - Plan events for Libertarians to meet at different areas that we are building affiliates in. These events will be affiliate building events and should consist of a lot of different activities, but should be primarily door knocking, phone/text banking parties, and perhaps even social media outreach. Building affiliates will help localize momentum and energy for 2022 as well as help produce more candidates. Local affiliates may need to be explored in order to further localize meetings in larger counties (Lane, Marion, etc.). The following counties should have particular focus, in no particular order:
    - Multnomah
    - Washington
    - Clackamas
    - Marion
    - Polk
    - Lincoln
    - Lane
    - Umatilla
    - Deschutes
    - Hood River
    - Jackson
    - Josephine
  - Either use an existing PAC or create a new PAC that is designed to spearhead Libertarian issues, educate voters in Oregon, and bring more voters to the Libertarian Party of Oregon.
    - As far as a PAC meant for educating Oregon voters by making them aware of what's been going on for decades in our state government, there has been support from at least one state legislator; there may be more support if we try to reach out and contact more people.

- The idea is to increase Libertarian voter registration, increase awareness to Libertarian issues, and help voters become more active in the Libertarian Party of Oregon .

- This PAC could also be utilized for affiliate events, outreach events, and potentially whatever we want. The PAC Director should be a member of the LPO board, either in a voting or non-voting capacity.

- The following Oregon House races should be prioritized (or watched) for candidate recruitment in 2022:

- HD 10
- HD 11
- HD 20
- HD 30
- HD 31
- HD 37
- HD 42
- HD 43
- HD 44
- HD 45
- HD 46

2020 candidates who have indicated they would like to return for future races:

- Alex Usselman - Anywhere
- Josh Solomon - OR-3
- Chris Wade - Depends
- Willy Johnson

Declared candidates that have indicated they are running in future races

- R Leon Noble - 2022 Gubernatorial
- Jason K - 2026 Gubernatorial

Gary asked if Ted knows how many are in each affiliate.

Tim was an election worker, and reported that he didn't see much opportunity for fraud. Must be cross checking, but he didn't see it.

We briefly talked about ranked choice and star voting.

- B. Fund Raising and
- C. Public Relations.

There was a discussion of fund-raising questions and what is acceptable, including selling merchandise, scavenger hunts, etc. Leon had some suggestions.

- D. Data Director,
- E. Bylaws Committee

Kyle reported that there is nothing currently going on.

F. Website Committee. Timothy posted an updated banner notice for this meeting and added the September minutes.

We've been debating the following by email:

Moved by Tim Sippel, seconded by Katy, with a well-taken/friendly amendment from Kyle:

"Nearly 10 years ago, there was a disagreement within the Libertarian Party of Oregon which caused a splinter group to form, and claim to be the representative of the party in Oregon. This has been a huge distraction to our state party. Throughout this period, the Oregon Secretary of State has recognized us as the official organization to nominate Libertarian candidates for Oregon ballots. The national Libertarian Party also recognizes us as Oregon's representatives for the party.

Recently, an officer of the splinter group collaborated with a Republican candidate to challenge our status with the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State has once again affirmed our status.

<https://www.opb.org/article/2020/09/16/judge-rejects-attempt-to-remove-oregon-libertarian-candidate-for-us-senate-from-november-ballot/>

We sincerely hope that the splinter group will start working with us rather than against us so that we can focus all of our energies towards promoting liberty in Oregon."

9:47 Katy deep sigh.

Carolyn changed her vote to No, so motion failed.

G. Affiliates Committee. Katy has been busy with family. Deschutes County is interested about an affiliate and looked at information from convention. She has called people. She doesn't know which affiliate is biggest.

She thinks that Star Voting and RCV are great issues for affiliates, especially Benton and Lane Counties.

H. Member Development:

Don had nothing new to report.

### **Special Orders**

There were no Special Orders.

### **Unfinished & New Business**

A. Director Election will occur in Spring 2021; the convention will occur after that.

B. A committee was formed on the Director Election in Spring 2021, consisting of Timothy, Kyle, Kenny. It's good to have the convention after the election, so the transitional board meeting can occur at the end of the convention. We need to start planning.

C. A Convention Committee was formed, consisting of Timothy, Tim, Katy, Will, and Leon. Timothy moved, Ted seconded, that the committees be authorized to choose their own chairs and add additional members. That passed without objection.

D. Carolyn moved and Don seconded that a new committee on Bylaws Amendments was formed, consisting of Katy, Kyle, Timothy, Gary, and Kenny. That passed without objection.

### **Open Forum Redux**

R. Leon Noble presented his campaign plans.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is on December 8, at 8 pm, by Zoom.  
Adjourn at 10:28 p.m.

*November Action Items*

Who	What	When
Ted	Give Timothy email addresses of candidates so he can ask for recent photos	
Timothy	Get with Ted and email candidates asking for recent photos, telling them we'd like to feature them on the website.	
Katy	Do a newsletter in November or December about election results	
Katy	Interview a candidate by New Year's	
Timothy	Call Director Election Committee meeting. Committee now consists of Timothy, Kyle, Kenny	
Timothy	Call Convention Committee meeting. Committee now consists of Timothy, Tim, Katy, Will, Leon	
Kyle	Call Bylaws Committee meeting. Committee now consists of Kyle, Katy, Timothy, Gary, Kenny	